

In the Specification:

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According to one embodiment of the present invention, a coating for an implantable medical device comprises a first region having a drug incorporated therein and a second region disposed over the first region, wherein the second region comprises a polymer for modifying the rate of release of the drug, the polymer having in a dry state a glass transition temperature within a range of between about 35°C and about 50°C, wherein the polymer in the dry state contains less than about 1 mass % of water. The coating may also have the polymer with a melting temperature above about 50°C, and may additionally includes a substance having the melting temperature within the range between about 32 °C and 40°C.

According to another embodiment of the present invention, a method of coating an implantable medical device comprises depositing a first layer on the device, the first layer including a drug incorporated therein, and depositing a second layer over the first layer, the second layer comprising a polymer for modifying the rate of release of the drug, wherein the polymer has a glass transition temperature in a dry state within a range of between about 35°C and about 50°C, wherein the polymer in the dry state contains less than about 1 mass % of water. The method may also have the polymer with a melting temperature above about 50°C, and may additionally include a substance having the melting temperature within the range between about 32 °C and 40°C.